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Today is the 5th day of war in Ukraine and the Russian offensive is not weakening, quite the contrary. New bombings have killed at least 11 people in Kharkiv – the second largest city. As for Kiev, the capital is still surrounded. The violence casts doubt on a way out of the conflict. Negotiations have nevertheless started today between Ukraine and Russia on the Belarusian border. Kiev is asking for an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian troops, while the Kremlin demands the demilitarization of Ukraine and the recognition of Crimea. Discussions are now closed for today but will resume in the next few days.

Emmanuel Macron once again spoke on the phone with Vladimir Putin. The exchange lasted an hour and a half. The French president asked his Russian counterpart to stop the strikes against civilians and to secure the roads. The Elysée states that Vladimir Poutine confirmed his will to commit to these points.

In the meantime, over 500,000 people have already fled Ukraine to take refuge in several neighboring countries. International solidarity is organized to welcome refugees. In France, several cities are already ready, such as Lyon, Toulouse, Lille and St Etienne.

The war in Ukraine is disrupting the presidential campaign in France: Emmanuel Macron canceled his 1st big meeting scheduled for Saturday in Marseille. The president, who has already collected 500 sponsorships, has still not officially declared himself as presidential candidate. He has until Friday to do so. Prime Minister Jean Castex received all the presidential candidates today at Matignon to take stock of the conflict and the sanctions imposed on Moscow.

Candidates were also at the agricultural trade fair today. On the left: Anne Hidalgo and Fabien Roussel. On the right, Valérie Pécresse.